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BRAUN ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-16, 19-21, 26, 28-48 and 50-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-16, 19-21, 26, 28-48 and 50-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/16/2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicant's response filed on 06/26/2008.
2. Claims 1-9, 11-16, 19-21, 26, 28-48, and 50-56 are pending.
3. Claims 10, 17-18, 22-25, 27, and 49 are cancelled.
4. Claims 1, 26-28, 32, 37-38, 42, 45, and 47 are amended.
5. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
6. When responding to the Office action, Applicant is advised to clearly point out the patentable novelty the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the reference(s) cited or the objection made. A showing of how the amendments avoid such references or objections must also be present. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(c).

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant, on pages 13-14, 15-16, of the remarks, argues in the method of claim 1, 26, and 42, argues "Neither Serbinis nor Saito, teach or suggest providing an access token to the available network resource, the access token operable to allow an application of the available network resource to access a portion of the network, wherein providing the access token to the resource comprises providing access to the application of the available network resource, the application operable to perform a specified task by an administrator."

Further referring to claim 1, neither Serbinis nor Saito, when taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest "providing a task associated with the access token, wherein the completion of the task terminates the access token or maintaining a task status for the task associated with the access token."

Examiner respectfully disagrees and asserts that Serbinis or Saito, when taken alone or in combination, teach or suggests that an Internet-based document management system and methods are provided wherein access to the system and its services may be controlled through use of access tokens. The Internet-based document management system allows an electronic document to be stored on an Internet-accessible server and accessed using a previously known web browser, downloaded for review or manipulation, and then returned to the server for access by further users. The server is programmed to generate and validate access tokens and provide a plurality of services supported by a common database and document store, including storage and retrieval services, an electronic document delivery service, a document distribution service, a collaborative file sharing service and a workflow service. The system preferably also is programmed with a security function, a filtering function, accounting functions that enable detailed accounting of transactions occurring on the system, and a customization function that permits multiple service providers to utilize the common document management services of a server, while presenting end-users with distinct dedicated websites [see, for example, **Serbinis: abstract, 21:1-11, 21:30-51, 4:12-20**].

Saito teaches networked computers or terminals that have access to secure information, such as financial information, intelligence information, and the like. Another

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example of a secure component 102 would be an entry device into a particular area, such as a vault or an area containing sensitive information. Yet another implementation of a secure component 102 would be a computer which is part of a network that allows general access to some portions of the network but allows access to other portions of the network only to selected individuals [paragraph 33 and fig. 2] and one common type of security protocol is a Type II security protocol wherein the individuals are assigned a uniquely coded physical item, such as a token, key card, etc. that must be inserted into an access device 103 (FIG. 2) to gain access to the secured component 102 [paragraph 65 and fig. 2].

2. Examiner, however, in light of the above submission maintains the previous rejections while considering the amendments to the claims as follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9, 11-16, 19-21, 26, 28-48, and 50-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Serbinis et al. Patent No.: US 6,314,425 B1 in view of Saito, Pub. No.: US 2005/0071673 A1.

Referring to claims 1, 11, 14, 19, 26, 32-34, 36, 39, and 42, Serbinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access comprising:

identifying an available network resource [**col. 2, lines 15-37**],

providing an access token to the available network resource [**abstract, col. 4, lines 12-20**; the server provides/generates an access token];

terminating the access token [**col. 21, lines 1-11; col. 21, lines 30-51**]. Sebrinis further teaches tracking the status of the access token [**col. 21, lines 30-51**]. Sebrinis does not appear to explicitly teach the network resource coupled to a network and the access token operable to allow an application of the available network resource to access a portion of the network. Saito teaches networked computers or terminals that have access to secure information, such as financial information, intelligence information, and the like. Another example of a secure component 102 would be an entry device into a particular area, such as a vault or an area containing sensitive information. Yet another implementation of a secure component 102 would be a computer which is part of a network that allows general access to some portions of the network but allows access to other portions of the network only to selected individuals [**paragraph 33 and fig. 2**] and one common type of security protocol is a Type II security protocol wherein the individuals are assigned a uniquely coded physical item,

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such as a token, key card, etc. that must be inserted into an access device 103 (FIG. 2) to gain access to the secured component 102 **[paragraph 65 and fig. 2]**. Sebrinis and Saito are analogous art because both teach secure authentication using access tokens.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Sebrinis to include a computer which is part of a network that allows access to other portions of the network by using access token of Saito because access token helps individual, to gain access to a particular secure component, area or information, please see KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 550 U.S., 82 USPQ2d 1385 (2007) for further interpretation.

Referring to claims 2, 35 and 51, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the at least one available network resource comprises a terminal coupled to the network, the terminal comprising a processor having available processing capability **[col. 1, lines 17-26; col. 5, lines 21-30 and fig. 1A-1B]**.

Referring to claim 3, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource is a server **[abstract, col. 4, lines 12-20]**.

Referring to claims 4, 13, 16, 29, 31, 50 and 53, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a

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server, the server coupled to a sub-group, the sub-group coupled to a super-group via a sub-network, the super- group coupled to the resource communication module via the network **[Saito, paragraphs 33, 65 and fig. 2; secured components 102 coupled with each other and coupled with communication device 120].**

Referring to claims 5, 12, 15, 28, 30 and 52, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a server, the server coupled to a super-group, the super-group coupled to the resource communication module via the network **[Saito, paragraphs 33, 65 and fig. 2].**

Referring to claims 6, 7 and 8, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the network is an intranet **[Saito, paragraphs 5 and 33].**

Referring to claim 9, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein providing the access token to the resource comprises providing a user identification and password to the internet protocol address of the resource **[col. 21, lines 13-51].**

Referring to claim 20, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the application using the access token **[col. 21, lines 30-51].**

Referring to claims 21 and 45, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the internet protocol address of the available network resource to which the access token was provided **[col. 21, lines 13-51]**.

Referring to claims 54 and 55, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource further comprises a network resource used simultaneously by a user, the user having an access level unrelated to the access token **[Saito, paragraphs 5, 7-8, 10, 33 and 59]**.

Referring to claims 37 and 38, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the access token is operable to expire in a pre-determined length of time **[col. 21, lines 1-11; col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claim 40, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the task comprises a file search on the portion of the network **[Saito, paragraph 45]**.

Referring to claims 41, 43 and 56, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, further comprising a database, the database operable to store the status of the access token and the resource **[col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claims 44 and 46, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to receive notification from the resource that the resource has available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 36 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claim 47, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to transmit a task to the resource, wherein the task is specific to a first application resident in the resource, the task capable of performance by the available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 36, 38, 47 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claim 48, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource is concurrently engaged by a user, the user accessing a second application, the second application accessing processing capability separate from the available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 33-36 and fig. 2]**.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YONAS BAYOU whose telephone number is (571)272-7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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